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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/045,815	WADHWA ET AL.	
	Examiner MISOOK YU, Ph.D.	Art Unit 1642	

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 December 2004.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 9,16 and 24-30 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 16,29 and 30 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 9,24, 25, and 28 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 26 and 27 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 09/11/02.
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

Applicant's reply filed on 12/23/2004 is acknowledged. Claims 24-30 are new.

Claim 16 remains withdrawn from further consideration for reason of record. The new claims 29, and 30, drawn to method of using the product are also withdrawn. The examined product and new claims 29, and 30 are related as product and method of using the product. The inventions can be shown to be distinct if either or both of the following can be shown: (1) the process for using the product as claimed can be practiced with another materially different product or (2) the product as claimed can be used in a materially different process of using that product (MPEP § 806.05(h)). In the instant case the product as claimed can be used in a materially different process of making antibody.

The examiner has required restriction between product and process claims. Where applicant elects claims directed to the product, and a product claim is subsequently found allowable, withdrawn process claims that depend from or otherwise include all the limitations of the allowable product claim will be rejoined in accordance with the provisions of MPEP § 821.04. **Process claims that depend from or otherwise include all the limitations of the patentable product** will be entered as a matter of right if the amendment is presented prior to final rejection or allowance, whichever is earlier. Amendments submitted after final rejection are governed by 37 CFR 1.116; amendments submitted after allowance are governed by 37 CFR 1.312.

In the event of rejoinder, the requirement for restriction between the product claims and the rejoined process claims will be withdrawn, and the rejoined process claims will be fully examined for patentability in accordance with 37 CFR 1.104. Thus, to be allowable, the rejoined claims must meet all criteria for patentability including the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 101, 102, 103, and 112. Until an elected product claim is found allowable, an otherwise proper restriction requirement between products claims and process claims may be maintained. Withdrawn process claims that are not commensurate in scope with an allowed product claim will not be rejoined. See "Guidance on Treatment of Product and Process Claims in light of *In re Ochiai*, *In re Brouwer* and 35 U.S.C. § 103(b)," 1184 O.G. 86 (March 26, 1996). Additionally, in order to retain the right to rejoinder in accordance with the above policy, Applicant is advised that the process claims should be amended during prosecution either to maintain dependency on the product claims or to otherwise include the limitations of the product claims. **Failure to do so may result in a loss of the right to rejoinder.** Further, note that the prohibition against double patenting rejections of 35 U.S.C. 121 does not apply where the restriction requirement is withdrawn by the examiner before the patent issues. See MPEP § 804.01.

Claims 9, 16, 24-30 are pending. Claims 9, 24-28 are under consideration.

The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

This Office action contains new grounds of rejection.

Claim Objections, Withdrawn

The objection of claim 9 and 10 is withdrawn in view of the amendment.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112, Withdrawn

The rejection of claim 9 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention is **withdrawn** in view of the amendment.

The rejection of claim 9 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement is **withdrawn** in view of the amendment.

The rejection of claim 9 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, because the specification, while being enabling for SEQ ID NO: 4 for "cell proliferation inhibitory activity" i.e. anti-growth activity, does not reasonably provide enablement for fragments and mutants of SEQ ID NO: 4 is **withdrawn** in view of the amendment.

Priority

Receipt is acknowledged of the certified translation of the foreign priority papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102, Withdrawn

The rejection of claim 9 under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Wassenhove-McCarthy et al., (IDS, August 27, 1999, J. Biol. Chem. vol. 274, pages 25004-25017) is withdrawn because the amended claim is no longer anticipated by the art of record.

The rejection of claim 9 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Daigo et al., (April 15, 1999, Cancer Research, vol. 159, pages 1966-1972) is also **withdrawn** because the amended claim is no longer anticipated by the art of record.

The rejection of claim 9 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by WO 89/04875 (1 June 1989) is also withdrawn in withdrawn in view of the amendment,

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

Claims 9, 24, and 25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

This rejection is made due to the new limitation of claim 9, i.e. "polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 4, in which ten or fewer amino acids are conservatively substituted". It is not clear which limitation "comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 4" or "in which ten or fewer amino acids are conservatively substituted" controls the scope of the claims.

MPEP 211.03 [R-2] states:

The transitional phrases "comprising", "consisting essentially of" and "consisting of" define the scope of a claim with respect to what unrecited additional components or steps, if any are excluded from the scope of the claim. The transitional term "comprising", which is synonymous with "including," "containing," or "characterized by," is inclusive or open-ended and does not exclude additional, unrecited elements or method steps. See, e.g., > Invitrogen Corp. v. Biocrest Mfg., L.P., 327 F.3d 1364, 1368, 66 USPQ2d 1631, 1634 (Fed. Cir. 2003) ("The transition comprising' in a method claim indicates that the claim is open-ended and allows for additional steps.");< Genentech, Inc. v. Chiron Corp., 112 F.3d 495, 501, 42 USPQ2d 1608, 1613 (Fed. Cir. 1997) ("Comprising" is a term of art used in claim language which means that the named elements are essential, but other elements may be added and still form a construct within the scope of the claim.); Moleculon Research Corp. v. CBS, Inc., 793 F.2d 1261, 229 USPQ 805 (Fed. Cir. 1986); In re Baxter, 656 F.2d 679, 686, 210 USPQ 795, 803 (CCPA 1981); Ex parte Davis, 80 USPQ 448, 450 (Bd. App. 1948) ("comprising" leaves "the claim open for the inclusion of unspecified ingredients even in major amounts").

The limitation "**comprising** the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 4" does not allow any amino acid change in SEQ ID NO: 4. It does not appear that conservative substitution of "ten or fewer" amino acids occurs in the unrecited part of the claimed polypeptide.

If the claims are drawn to polypeptide comprising SEQ ID NO:4, and a mutant of SEQ ID NO:4, wherein the mutant results from ten or fewer amino acids conservatively substituted in SEQ ID NO:4, then the claims should be drafted accordingly.

Claims 9, 24, 25, and 28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention.

This new matter rejection is made because the specification as originally filed does not have a support for “polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 4, in which ten or fewer amino acids are conservatively substituted, wherein the polypeptide” in claim 9, “six or fewer amino acids are conservatively substituted” in claim 24, “three or fewer amino acids are conservatively substituted” in claim 25, and the very specific hybridization condition in the new claim 28.

Applicant states that support for the new limitations are found at pages 6, 8, and 9, in the claims. However, the specification as originally filed does not have support for the limitations.

Conclusion

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP

§ 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to MISOOK YU, Ph.D. whose telephone number is 571-272-0839. The examiner can normally be reached on 8 A.M. to 5:30 P.M., every other Friday off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jeffrey Siew can be reached on 571-272-0787. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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SUPERVISORY PATENT EXAMINER
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